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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
(For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment and Gas Adjustment)
Docket Number: 2022-3-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am filing this letter regarding the Notice of Filing and Public Hearing (the "Notice") that was issued yesterday, March 23, 2022. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the "Company") has reviewed the Notice and respectfully requests that a revised notice be issued to address certain issues identified in the Notice. The Company requests that a revised notice be issued by no later than March 25, 2022, to allow the Company sufficient time to meet the Commission's May 20, 2022 deadline to furnish the notice to customers via bill insert.

At the outset, the docket caption for this proceeding in the Docket Management System and in the Notice indicates an increase in residential and non-residential rates ("Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, **Increasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates** (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment)"). Anticipated rates, however, have not been finalized or submitted to the Commission, and the Company requests that the docket caption be updated to remove this phrase both in the Docket Management System and via a revised notice. Additionally, the Company notes that neither of the annual fuel proceedings of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, in Docket Nos. 2022-2-E and 2022-1-E, respectively, include docket captions that reference an increase in rates and therefore the Company believes it would be appropriate to revise the docket caption for this proceeding to match the docket captions of the other utilities.

The Company also notes that phone number 704-382-6373 has been listed as the Company's contact information within the Notice. The Company has set up a designated phone number for customers to call regarding proceedings that are pending before the Commission and

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the Company requests that this alternative phone number be used in the notice for this docket, as well as in notices issued for future proceedings. The phone number that should be listed as the correct contact information for the Company is 803-988-7132.

Finally, under the Why is This Notice Important section of the Notice, the following statement has been included: "Fuel costs mean, in part, the cost of fuel, fuel transportation, and fuel costs paid to other businesses by electric utilities to provide electricity to its customers." The Company requests that this language be amended so that it matches the language used in the notice that was previously issued in Duke Energy Progress, LLC's most recent annual fuel proceeding in Docket No. 2022-1-E.

The Company has included a proposed revised notice that reflects these changes and respectfully requests that a new notice be issued by no later than tomorrow, March 25, 2022.

Sincerely,



Katie M. Brown

Enclosure

cc: contact@psc.sc.gov

REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING**Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, ~~Increasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates~~ (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment)****Docket No. 2022-3-E****Why is this Notice Important?***

- The PSC watches over businesses that provide necessary services for day-to-day life, such as the electricity provided by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.
- The Public Service Commission has set a public hearing.
- The Public Service Commission decides what rates a utility can charge.
- This Notice is for electric customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and interested persons.
- The Commission will review the fuel purchasing practices of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, during this case.
- Fuel costs ~~-, according to the law, includemean,~~ in part, the cost of fuel, the cost of fuel transportation, and the fuel costs related to the power that electric utilities purchase from ~~paid to~~ other businesses ~~by electric utilities~~ to provide electricity to its customers.
- Annual hearings allow the Commission and the public to examine the fuel purchasing practices and policies of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. The Commission decides if any change in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865
- “Upon conducting public hearings in accordance with law, the Commission shall direct each company to place in effect in its base rate an amount designed to recover, during the succeeding twelve months, the fuel costs determined by the Commission to be appropriate for that period, adjusted for the over-recovery or under-recovery from the preceding twelve-month period.” S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865(B)
- The Commission will also determine whether an increase or decrease is needed in the fuel cost component for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, to operate its distributed energy resource program. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-140
- “S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(E) requires the value of energy produced by customer-generators to be updated annually, and the annual fuel proceedings is the logical proceeding to conduct that update.” Order No. 2021-569
- The Case was filed according to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865.
- This Hearing has been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-39-140 and 58-27-865.

For the entire Case visit: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117893>

When will the Commission hear the Company’s case?	<p>Monday, September 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. is the beginning date and time for this hearing. The hearing may continue through the remainder of the week, if necessary. This hearing is virtual unless changed by the Commission.</p> <p>Where: 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room Columbia, South Carolina 29210</p> <p><u>Livestream the Hearing</u> at https://www.scetv.org/psc</p>
How can I participate in the Company’s case?	<p>Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Public Comments or Letters of Protest by emailing contact@psc.sc.gov <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p>



- Mail Public Comments or Letters of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210

Option 2:

File a Petition to Intervene to become an Intervenor. An Intervenor has the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, and appeal the Commission's final decision.

You may file a Petition to Intervene by:

- Emailing contact@psc.sc.gov no later than **Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

-OR-

- Mailing a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than **Wednesday, June 15, 2022**. Please include your email address.

You must give a copy of your petition to intervene to all Parties in this case.

Who can I talk to about this Notice?

Duke Energy Carolina, LCC	704-382-6373 803-988-7132
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100

In the above referenced case, if the proposed tariffs contain any request for a change of rates, the proposed rates may be changed by the Commission.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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